GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:110
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GROWTH RATE OF SERVICES SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual growth rate of services sector and its share in GDP for the last five years;

(b) the requirement and availability of skilled manpower needed to sustain the growth rate in the field of health, information technology, education, legal services, tourism etc.;

(c) the future requirement projections of skilled manpower and steps being taken to set up more universities and institutions of higher learning, to meet demands of medical outsourcing and tourism development to take advantage of our demographics;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy to open up foreign direct investment in building up a pool of skilled manpower to sustain growth and competitiveness of services sector ensuring a balance between emerging demands and availability of skilled manpower; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 110 REGARDING GROWTH RATE OF SERVICES SECTOR AND ITS SHARE IN GDP BY SHRI K.S. RAO DUE FOR ANSWER ON 29-11-2006.

(a): The information on annual growth rate of services sector and its share in GDP for the last five years is given in the table below:

Table: Annual Growth Rate and Share of Services Sector in GDP at constant (1999-2000) prices

Year	Annual Growth rate (%)	Percentage contribution (%)
1999-2000		49.2
2000-2001	5.6	49.8
2001-2002	7.1	50.5
2002-2003	7.3	52.2
2003-2004	8.2	52.1
2004-2005	9.9	53.2
2005-2006	10.0	54.0

Source: `National Accounts Statistics 2006`, published by Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

(b) & (c): There is no centralized system of assessing and projecting the specific requirement and availability of skilled manpower in various sectors such as health, information technology, education, legal services, tourism etc. These are studied/ assessed by specialized bodies/agencies. Industry associations, trade bodies and chambers of commerce periodically estimate the requirement of skilled manpower in their specific areas.

The higher education system in the country is in the broad control of the University Grants Commission (UGC), which is responsible for coordination, determination and maintenance of standards etc., and the Professional Councils are responsible for recognition of courses, promotion of professional institutions, etc.

< Apart from the statutory councils, there are many other autonomous societies/ institutions of higher learning, touching upon the issue of skilled manpower development.

(d) & (e): No decision has been taken regarding Foreign Direct Investment in education and training.